

CHAPTER 142

HB 240 - FINAL VERSION

05/15/03 1534s

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HOUSE BILL **240**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study ways to prevent suicide among young people in New Hampshire.

SPONSORS: Rep. Sweeney, Hills 62; Rep. Clemons, Hills 62

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study ways to prevent suicide among young people in New Hampshire.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Three

AN ACT establishing a committee to study ways to prevent suicide among young people in New Hampshire.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

142:1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study ways to prevent suicide among young people in New Hampshire.

142:2 Membership and Compensation.

I. The committee shall be comprised of 3 members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee.

142:3 Duties. The committee shall:

I. Collect and review information relative to the rate and cause of suicide among children and adolescents in New Hampshire.

II. Examine ways to develop and enhance state programs to reduce the incidence of suicide among young people, including the possibility of creating a local television campaign and establishing crisis hotlines for teen suicide prevention.

III. Develop a plan to create greater coordination among existing suicide prevention programs and initiatives.

IV. Research federal and private grants that may be available to the state in augmenting its suicide prevention programs.

142:4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named committee member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

142:5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2003.

142:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

(Approved: June 17, 2003)

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